JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 69A HAGOOD AVENUE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403 and the

S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

21 FEBRUARY 2003

Refer to: P/N #2003-1D-033-P

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

S.C. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES c/o TIM VINSON P.O. Box 167 COLUMBIA, SC 29202

for a permit to replace an existing dock in the

COOSAWHATCHIE RIVER

located at the existing Dawson Creek Public Boat Landing, north of the Town of Ridgeland in Jasper County, South Carolina.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2003

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of the construction of a new groundout floating courtesy dock to include a concrete dock pad and rip rap. The existing dock will be removed in it's entirety and approximately 50 cubic yards of material removed to provide a suitable slope for the installation of a 8' x 65' concrete dock pad, an 8' x 100' aluminum groundout floating dock with necessary piling and the placement of 20 cubic yards of stone rip rap for stabilization purposes. All excavated material will be hauled off from site and disposed of on highland. The purpose of this work is to replace an existing deteriorating and unsafe structure and will continue to be for the use of the general public.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by

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public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION Post Office Box 919 Charleston, South Carolina 29402-0919.

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact approximately 0.02 acres of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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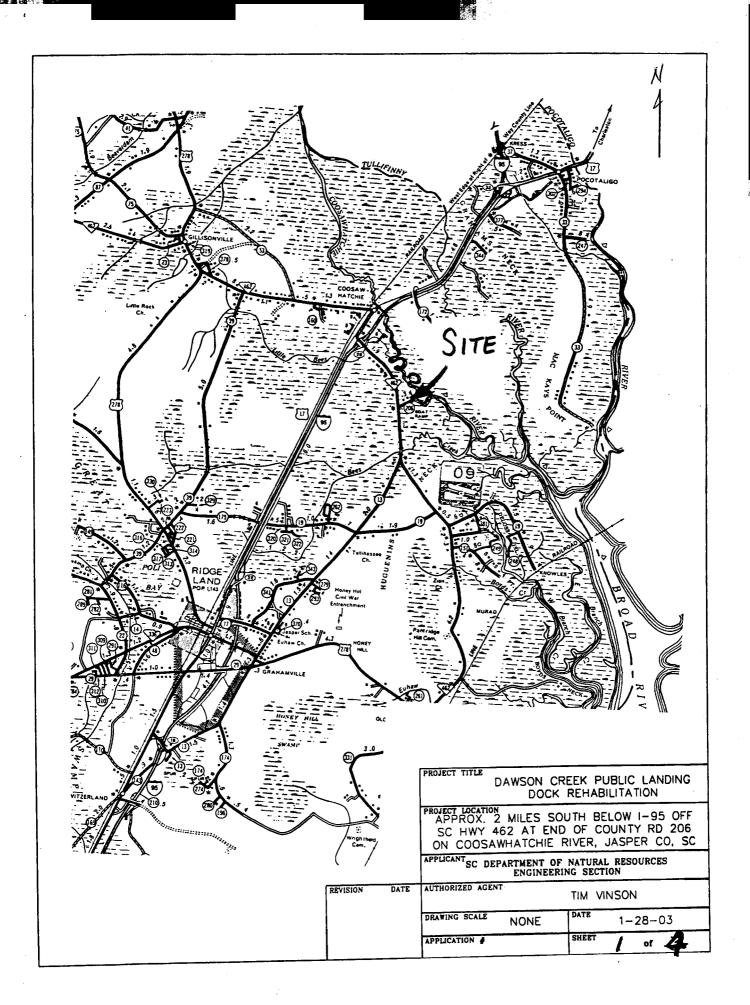
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation. shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

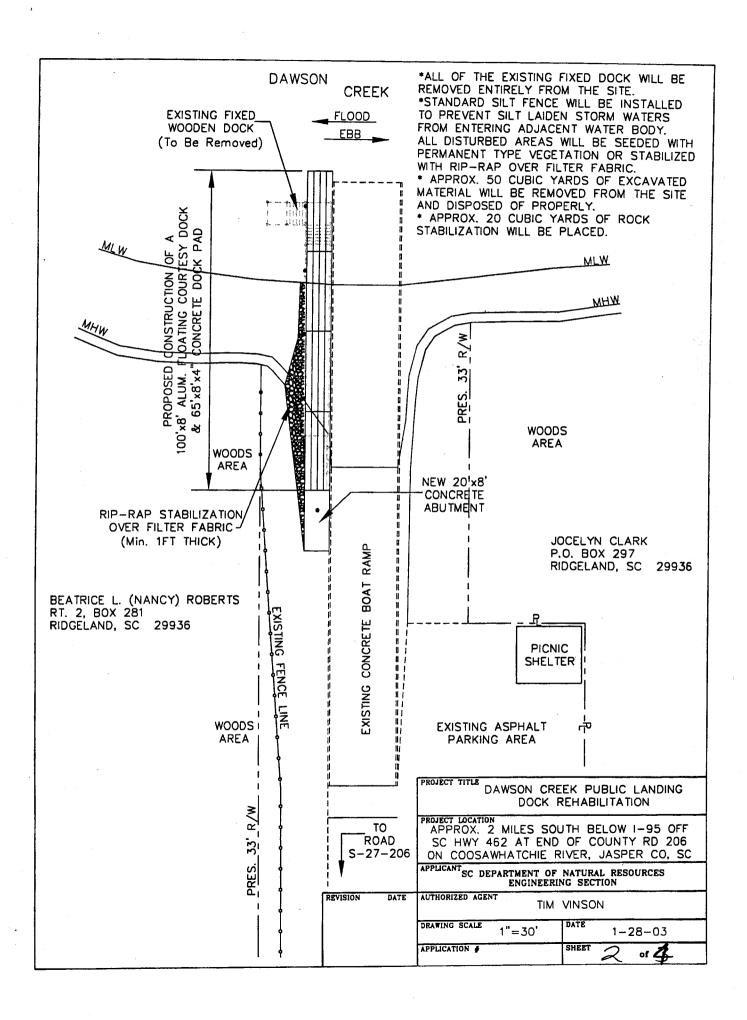
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

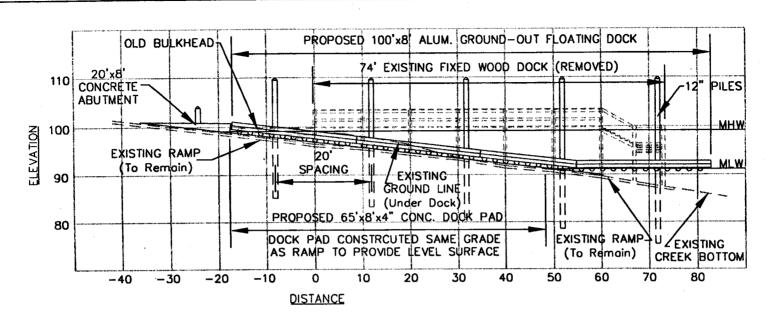
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

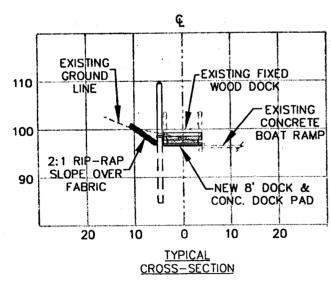
S. Dean Herndon Project Manager Regulatory Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



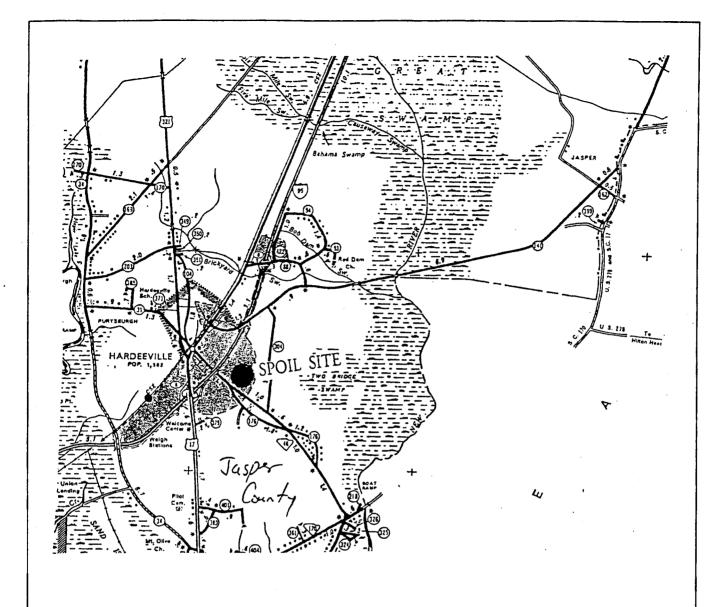






- * ALL OF THE EXISTING FIXED DOCK WILL BE REMOVED ENTIRELY FROM THE SITE.
- * STANDARD SILT FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED TO PREVENT SILT LAIDEN STORM WATERS FROM ENTERING THE ADJACENT WATER BODY. ALL DISTURBED AREAS WILL BE SEEDED WITH PERMENENT TYPE VEGETATION OR STABILIZED WITH RIP-RAP OVER FILTER FABRIC.
- * APPROX. 50 CUBIC YARDS OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.
- * APPROX. 20 CUBIC YARDS OF ROCK STABILIZATION WILL BE PLACED.

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	PROJECT LOCATION APPROX. 2 MILES SOUTH BELOW 1-95 OFF SC HWY 462 AT END OF COUNTY RD 206 ON COOSAWHATCHIE RIVER, JASPER CO, SC		
	APPLICANT SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENGINEERING SECTION		
REVISION DATE	AUTHORIZED AGENT TIM VINSON		
	DRAWING SCALE 1"=20'	1-28-03	
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SPOIL SITE LOCATION

THE SITE IS AT THE "OLD HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL," IN THE TOWN OF HARDEEVILLE. THE MATERIAL WILL BE PLACED ON THE SITE WHERE IT CAN BE UTILIZED BY JASPER COUNTY FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE, ETC. SILT FENCING WILL BE PLACED TO PREVENT ANY STORM WATER RUN OFF ONTO ADJACENT LANDS.

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